

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, DR. FLETCHER, ATTY. CLARK, MS. POLLOCK, MRS. USSACH, MR. NOBREGA, MR. POPE

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. BONNER, DR. SOUZA, D. WINN, H. LARKIN, DR. FRANCIS, F. FUENTES, L. OLIVEIRA, G. MALITA (recording secretary)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach to accept the minutes of the previous meetings held on May 4, 11, 14, 20 and June 1, 2009 as recorded.

Dr. Fletcher made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pope to take item 7.D. out of order – approval to rename West Side Jr/Sr High School – “Trinity Day Academy” (June 1, 2009 Facilities Committee).

Mr. Kyle Riley, Principal, introduced two of his students, Charles Sargood (CJ) and Nicole Baptista, both of whom read from prepared statements.

Motion was made by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to change the name of West Side Jr/Sr High School to Trinity Day Academy.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Lang	- Yes	Mrs. Ussach	- Yes
Dr. Fletcher	- Yes	Mr. Nobrega	- Yes
Atty. Clark	- Yes	Mr. Pope	- Yes
Ms. Pollock	- Yes		

YEAS – 7      NAYS – 0      ABSENT – 0

Recycling Champions Contest drawing – final winner was Roosevelt Middle School. Contest will continue for a second year starting in September.

Mr. Nobrega made a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Ussach to take item 8.A.1 out of order – a discussion of the swine flu.

Dr. Bonner distributed packets to the Committee containing materials on the various health advisories, etc and outlined what actions she had taken. In attendance were Karen Regan, Supervisor of Nurses, Marianne DeSousa & Carol Metro (Public Health Department) and Dr. Athena Xifaras, local pediatrician, who individually related what actions they had taken to comply with the local and state Public Health Departments. All were in agreement with the Superintendent that in this particular case, not disclosing the name of the school was in the best interests of the child.

Dr. Fletcher noted that the School Committee would never have divulged the name of the child but felt that the name of the school should have been given to them. Parents become fearful when they don't have all the information and parents should be able to decide if they want to send their child to school or not.

Mayor Lang, upon turning the chair over to the Vice-Chairman, indicated that it was not enough to post the information on the school department's web site and that a press conference should have been held.

Mr. Pope indicated that he had not decided one way or another as to whether the identity of the school should have been divulged. However, they should work with the administration and set firm guidelines for the future.

Atty. Clark stated he had a problem with the fact that parents were not notified and for parents to be told to check the school department's web site periodically was unacceptable to him. By not notifying the parents and the news media, they had lost the trust of the parents and had made a problem out of something that was not a problem.

Mayor Lang stated the issue was with promulgation. There should be a comprehensive media distribution; posting information on the school department's web site; letter to parents; use of the phone tree; press conference, when appropriate.

A motion was made by Mayor Lang and seconded by Mr. Nobrega that a policy be set for promulgation with extensive media notification; posting information on the school department's web site; letters to the parents; use of the phone tree; and press conference, when appropriate.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Lang	- Yes	Mrs. Ussach	- Yes
Dr. Fletcher	- Yes	Mr. Nobrega	- Yes
Atty. Clark	- Yes	Mr. Pope	- Yes
Ms. Pollock	- Yes		

YEAS – 7      NAYS – 0      ABSENT – 0

Atty. Clark made a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Ussach that this be referred to the Sub-Committee on Policy for formulation of a policy for the district manual.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Lang	- Yes	Mrs. Ussach	- Yes
Dr. Fletcher	- Yes	Mr. Nobrega	- Yes
Atty. Clark	- Yes	Mr. Pope	- Yes
Ms. Pollock	- Yes		

YEAS – 7      NAYS – 0      ABSENT – 0

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Pope and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to receive and place on file the Personnel Report as follows.....

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Susan Campinha-Beck	Principal	Dunbar
Bartholomew Lush	Principal	Hathaway
Steven Machado	Principal	Congdon

**CIVIL SERVICE**

Maria Cardoso	4-hr Cafeteria Helper	New Bedford High
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**PARAPROFESSIONAL**

Stephanie Bergeron	5 ¾ hr Lunch Aide	Lincoln
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**RETIREMENTS****ADMINISTRATORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Ronald F. Souza	06-30-2010	Deputy Superintendent	PRAB

**UNIT A**

Pamela Bullard	06-30-2009	Sheltered English Immersion	New Bedford High
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**CIVIL SERVICE**

Patricia Crosby	06-05-2009	Cashier	Pulaski
William G. Gallop, Jr.	06-30-2009	Carpenter	PRAB
Constance Grime	06-27-2009	Bookkeeper	PRAB

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Rita Caron	06-19-2009	Cashier/Lunch Aide	Lincoln
Patricia Mareira	06-19-2009	Paraprofessional	Normandin

**RESIGNATIONS****UNIT A**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Sasha N. DeMatos	06-19-2009	English	Normandin
Patricia Payant	06-30-2009	Literacy Coach	Dunbar

**TRANSFERS****TRANSFERS RESULTING FROM THE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> POSTING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jacqueline Aguiar		SPED Secondary at Normandin
Julie Aguiar-Correia	Grade 5 at Pulaski	Grade 5 at Campbell
Susan Baroody		Grade 3 at Dunbar
Tina Berube		Kindergarten at Pulaski
Eileen Cassidy	Adjustment Counselor at Congdon	Adjustment Counselor at Winslow/Dunbar
Amy Cavanaugh	Grade 3 at Hayden McFadden	Grade 3 at Lincoln
Christopher Chambers	Music at Roosevelt	Music at Normandin
Paula Chiquito	SPED – Elementary at Hathaway	SPED Early Childhood at Winslow
Dorothy Costa	Grade 2 at Swift	Grade 2 at Winslow
Kristina Dahlene	Grade 6 at Keith	Grade 6 at Normandin
Kelly Fernandes	Grade 4 at Hayden McFadden	Grade 5 at Swift
Donna Ferreira		SPED Elementary at Brooks
Carla Furlani		Grade 1 at DeValles
Kathleen Gaipo		Grade 2 at Ottiwell
Linda Gissingner	Family & Consumer Science at Roosevelt	Family & Consumer Science at Keith
Glenn Gonsalves	Grade 3 at Parker	Grade 4 at Gomes
Kathryn Larochelle	English at New Bedford High	English at Normandin
Monica Leonetti		SPED Secondary at New Bedford High
Ana Maria Martinez		SEI Spanish Gr. 2&3, L1 at Hayden McFadden
Kevin Medeiros	Social Studies at Keith	Social Studies at New Bedford High
Kelly Monte	SPED Secondary at Roosevelt	SPED Secondary at Keith

Jacqueline Nelson-Eckhardt	English at Keith	English at New Bedford High
Raquel Ortega Rodriguez	Grade 3 at Hayden McFadden	Grade 2 at Lincoln
Christopher Parker		Technology Education at New Bedford High
Marie Pimental	SEI Portuguese Gr. 1&2, L2,3 at DeValles	SEI Portuguese Gr. 1&2, L2,3 at DeValles
Carol Pisarczyk	English at Normandin	English at Roosevelt
Joseph Ponte	Title I Math at Keith	Title I Math at Roosevelt
Justin Poulos	English at Keith	English at New Bedford High
Christine Purpura	SPED Elementary at Gomes	SPED Elementary (language development) at Pulaski
Cheri Rinko-Riggs	Adjustment Counselor at Ashley/Phillips Avenue	Adjustment Counselor at Carney
Nicholas Salmon		Social Studies at New Bedford High
Anne Souza	Grade 3 at Kempton	Kindergarten at Swift
Martin Teixeira		Technology Education at New Bedford High
Daniel Viegas	Grade 4 at Hayden McFadden	Grade 5 at Brooks
Lori Weider	Computer at Keith	Instructional Tech Specialist at New Bedford High
Margaret Wright		Computer at Normandin

**TRANSFERS RESULTING FROM THE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> POSTIING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Joan Casey-Amaral	Business	New Bedford High
Aurienne Dembitzki	SPED Elementary	Hathaway
Gail Rice	SPED Elementary	Gomes
Louis St. John	Grade 3	Kempton

**IN-BUILDING TRANSFERS OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR**

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Hannigan	Simone Bourgeois	Grade 5 to Grade 2
Hathaway	Patricia Amaral	Grade 4
	Kristine Hart	Grade 4 to Grade 3

**CIVIL SERVICE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Maria Martins	4-hr Cafeteria Helper at Keith	4-hr Cafeteria Helper at Brooks

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

**TRANSFERS RESULTING FROM THE MAY 15<sup>th</sup> POSTIING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Shannon Alves-Medeiros	SPED Secondary at New Bedford High	SPED Secondary at Keith
Cheryl Antil		SPED Secondary at Normandin
Nicole Baptista		SPED Elementary at Gomes

Carol Bodeau		SPED Secondary at Keith
Gina Bourassa		SPED Secondary at Keith
Janice Ballard	SPED Early Childhood at Ottiwell	SPED Secondary at New Bedford High
Maria Caldas		SPED Secondary at Roosevelt
Linda Cole		SPED Secondary at Keith
Jennifer Cummings	SPED Elementary at Hayden McFadden	SPED Early Childhood at Hayden McFadden
Rose Marie Dias	SPED Elementary at Pulaski	SPED Pre School at Pulaski
Margarita Diaz		SPED Early Childhood at Gomes
Mary Downing	SPED Secondary at New Bedford High	SPED Secondary at Keith
Elizabeth Fortes		SPED M POD Floater at Pulaski
Jennifer Goncalves	SPED Early Childhood at Campbell	SPED Elementary at Campbell
Teotonio Gonsalves		SPED Secondary at New Bedford High
Juliette Mauricio	SPED Elementary at DeValles	SPED Elementary at DeValles
Lois Mello		SPED Early Childhood at Campbell
Connie Motta		SPED Secondary at New Bedford High
Melissa Naile-Dearden		Kindergarten at Winslow
Pauline Paquin	SPED Elementary at Parker	SPED Early Childhood at Campbell
Nanette Ramos		SPED Elementary at Carney Academy
Lisa Rogers		SPED Early Childhood at Gomes
Aiza Ruiz		SPED Secondary at Roosevelt
Pauline Seney	SPED Elementary at Hayden McFadden	SPED Secondary at Normandin
Carmen Serrano	SPED Early Childhood at Hayden McFadden	Kindergarten at Gomes
Albert Silva, Jr.		SPED Secondary at New Bedford High
Susan Small		SPED Early Childhood at Pulaski
Mary Snow	SPED Elementary at Hannigan	SPED Early Childhood at Pacheco
Susan St. Gelais		SPED Elementary at Swift
Beatrice Sylvia		SPED Early Childhood at Parker
Margaret Teodoro	SPED Secondary at Roosevelt	Pre School Day Care at Gomes

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Christine Korney		
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**SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL**

Savannah Sierra		
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Superintendent's Report was as follows.....

1. End of Year Report ⇔ SUPERINTENDENT

2. Citations/Awards ⇔ DUNBAR

- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders – Award Lunch @ Olive Garden on 5/19 for collecting the most pennies for the Pennies for Patients Drive.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Graders – Received 2 citations (1-House of Representatives & 1-New Bedford City Council) for their caring dedication to Homeless Veterans as part of their community service project.

3. SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT

Mr. Glen Koocher of Mass Assn of School Committee will provide a retreat for the School Committee as a follow-up to the one they had on 7/26/08 on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM in the Supt's Office. Members of the Committee indicated that they would notify the Superintendent, if and when, they felt the need for a follow-up retreat.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's Report.

Reports were heard from the Chairs of the Curriculum, Finance & Facilities Sub-Committees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Pope and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to receive and place on file the Financial Statement from Office of Finance & Operations.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file Schedule of Bills for March/April from Office of Finance & Operations.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Pope and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to receive and place on file the Facilities Reports for the months of March/April 2009.

Valerie Almeida of the New Bedford Camera Club addressed the Committee and outlined their proposal in conjunction with their request to use the Community Center at Keith Middle School for meetings on a bi-monthly basis starting in September with waiver of all fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to grant use of the above facility with all fees waived.

As no representative was in the audience from Brick by Brick, it was tabled until the next meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Pope, to accept the following donations and that letters of appreciation will be sent on their behalf.....

- Pulaski School - \$30 from Melanie Martinez to be used for first grade.
- Pulaski School - \$20 from Ronald Costa for a Pre-K class.
- Keith Middle School - \$2,000 from the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts for after-school programs.
- Keith Middle School/Paula Benedetti – Supplies from Custom Windows and KC Upholsters for the Family Consumer Science Class
- Lincoln School - \$103.50 from Maré Studios
- Normandin Middle School - \$200 from Donor's Choose (donorschoose.org) for physical education equipment.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to grant approval to accept and implement a grant totaling \$6,084 from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts' YES (Youth Entitled to Success) Fund mini-grants program for the 2009 New Bedford Middle & High School Youth Risk Survey.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Pope, to grant approval to accept and implement a \$1000 Grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass. – Women's Fund Philanthropy Initiative - for after school programs at Keith Middle School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to grant approval for the following out of state travel.....

- ANDREW O'LEARY/SUSAN DIAS/FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR/REMS FACILITATOR - the U.S. Dept of Education's Office of Safe & Drug-Free Schools National Conference in National Harbor, MD from August 3-6, 2009 at a cost of \$4,000 to be paid out of the Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools Grant.
- GRADE 4 CLASSES @ TAYLOR - out of state field trip to Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut on June 15, 2009.
- EMILY SAMPSON/TEACHER/NORMANDIN - to take 76 students on an out of state field trip to Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut on June 9, 2009.
- GRADE 3 CLASSES @ CARNEY - out of state field trip to Roger Williams Park in Rhode Island on June 10, 2009.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to grant approval of the following field/building usage requests.....

- New Bedford Recreation Department - use of the Gomes/Hayden McFadden/Parker School playgrounds for the Free Summer Food Service Program, Monday – Friday, from June 29 – August 21, 2009.
- South End Youth Athletic Association and the New Bedford Police Department - use of 2 classrooms & gym at Roosevelt Middle School on June 20, 2009 from 8-1 PM with a waiver of all fees for a youth educational program developed in conjunction with the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval for the Central Office Staff to change the summer working schedule to 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. with one half hour for lunch for the period of June 29, 2009 through September 4, 2009.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to declare the portable classroom at DeValles as surplus property for purposes of demolition.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to grant the Whaling City Clippers permission to use the field at Campbell School for practice during their football season.

In terms of the recommended cuts by the Superintendent to the School Department’s FY 2010 budget in order to meet the \$4,181,868 deficit, Mayor Lang indicated that as soon as they have numbers, he will call for budget meeting(s).

Ms. Pollock questioned the privatization of the transportation department last year. They had been told that they would see a savings in the area of \$500,000 and in the end they had seen a savings of a little over a quarter of that amount. She motioned that an independent audit be conducted on transportation to which Mr. Oliveira responded that one had been conducted last year.

Mayor Lang recommended that it be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for further discussion.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to refer to the Sub-Committee on Finance for further discussion the issue of an independent audit due to the lack of savings realized in transportation.

At 9:20 PM a motion was made by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to adjourn and go into Executive Session, without returning to Open Session, to discuss collective bargaining issues.

Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Lang	- Yes	Mrs. Ussach	- Yes
Dr. Fletcher	- Yes	Mr. Nobrega	- Yes
Atty. Clark	- Yes	Mr. Pope	- Yes
Ms. Pollock	- Yes		

YEAS – 7      NAYS – 0      ABSENT – 0

Submitted by,

Portia S. Bonner, Ph.D.  
Secretary, School Committee

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